WICHITA FALLS CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
WICHITA COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY
SURVEY FORM

NAME OF SITE: Oechsner Electric ADDRESS: 1405 Bluff						
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision Original Township Block 219 Lot 8						
PRESENT OWNER: Nick Oechsner, Jr.						
and MAILING ADDRESS: 1405 Bluff (business); 4637 Karla (residence)						
CATEGORY: DistrictBuildingXStructureSiteObject						
ORIGINAL USE: commercial PRESENT USE commercial ZONING						
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: One-story wood frame commercial building; rectangular with roof						
false front with attached canopy; double entrance doors flanked by large plate glass						
windows; shed addition to rear.						
MATERIALS: wall wood frame roof tin						
CONDITION OF EXTERIOR: good						
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: moderate: windows & canopy are replacements						
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE/TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: May be only intact example of false front						
commercial building in Wichita Falls.						
SIGNIFICANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE: Probably built C. 1910.						
1913 City Directory lists John Black, a grocer, living at 1405 Bluff. Also lists a						
retail grocery, "John Black" at the same address. "R. W. Black Meat Market" is also						
listed at 1405 Bluff, with R. W. Black residing at 1407 Bluff.						
RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: In essentially residential area; seems out of place						
although scale is acceptable.						
CURRENT TAX ASSESSMENTS:						
Year Land Improvements Total						
PRESENT DESIGNATION:						
RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION: National Register Registered Texas Landmark						
Local Landmark						
If within a district: Significant Contributing Compatible Intrusion						

OTHER COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

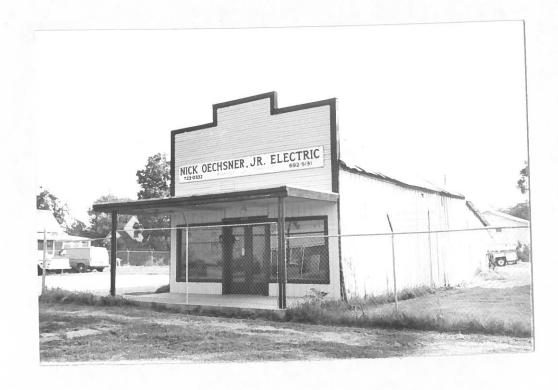
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Much of the information above may be transferred directly to survey cards of the Texas Historical Commission. The following information would need to be added, using the THC computer codes, to complete the State cards:

COUNTY:	PERIOD:
CITY:	STYLE:
DATE:	THEME:
CODED SITE NUMBER.	

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Research sheet: Survey of the City of Wichita Falls

Nick Oeschner Jr.

Address: 1405 Bluff Name of property: Electric Company

Block: 219 Lot: 8 City Tax #:0030-166-0000 Addition:Original Townsite

Nick Oeschner Jr. Present Owner:

and address: 1405 Bluff (business)

4637 Karla (residence)

1910 (as estimated in the city tax records) Year of construction:

> 1913 (first listed in the City Directory)

(estimated from deed or tax records)

(other sources -

Chain of title: Other Date of transaction Price Page Owner Volume 430 Nick Oeschner Jr. 1247 5/30/78 Harry B. Black & Edna I. Osborne 732 431 1/6/78 G. H. Black & 337 344 \$250.00 (Deed also Ray Black 11/21/35 renounces all claims on estate of John Black, deceased.)

Can find no deed listed in reverse index prior to this time.

George Black bought 364 acres in Cherokee County School Lands from J. A. Kemp on 7/22/87 (Book K, p. 564). Doubt that the property at 1405 Bluff was part of that transaction or that George Black was even of the same family.

Documentary photographs:

Date:

Source:

Other information about the property or the people associated with it:

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Sources:

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Date: 4/7/81